

DeKalb History Center

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Espy Collection

Introduction: The Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Espy IV Collection includes information on Decatur First United Methodist Church, Decatur First Baptist Church, the DeKalb Board of Realtors, the DeKalb Association of Realtors, multiple sales contracts for the DeKalb/Atlanta area, the Lions Club, The Sons of Confederate Veterans Stone Mountain Memorial Camp 1432, the Smoke Rise Community, the Grand Jurors Association, the Urban Development Committee for DeKalb County, Pythagoras Lodge #41 Free and Accepted Masons, and many other items from the mid-twentieth century to the present date. This collection was donated by Robert W. Espy IV.

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Biographical Sketch of Mr. Robert W. Espy IV and Mrs. Bonnie S. Espy: Robert Washington Espy IV is a life-long and fourth generation resident of DeKalb County. He is a member of the DeKalb Association of Realtors, Georgia Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. He serves on the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and the State and Local Government Affairs Committee for the DAR. He sits on the board of Directors for Simpsonwood Retreat and Conference Center, the DeKalb History Center (treasurer), Pythagoras Lodge 41 Free & Accepted Masons, and the Pythagoras Temple Association (treasurer). He is also a member of the Ministry Leadership Council for Decatur First United Methodist Church and the Chairman of the Adult Ministry Action Team.

Mrs. Bonnie Sue Bartlett Espy is a life-long resident of DeKalb County. Her family goes back three generations. She is a school teacher at the Coralwood Center of Learning. She began teaching in 2002 after graduating from Brenau University with a degree in Special Education. Later, she acquired her degree in Vision Teaching so she could help teach the blind. She is a member of the DeKalb History Center and the Order of the Amaranth-Peachtree Court #2 (the second oldest Court in Georgia). She has held the position of Associate Conductress in this organization. She has also been a member of Decatur First United Methodist Church all of her life.

Description: The Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Espy IV Collection is composed of many documents covering many aspects of DeKalb County, compiled for many years. Contributors to this collection are Robert W. Espy IV, Bonnie S. Espy, Robert W. Espy III, Jan McCorkle Espy, Robert W. Espy Jr., Jane Stillwell Espy, James M. McCorkle Sr., and Annis Westbrook McCorkle. There are two boxes of documents from the First Baptist Church of Decatur, including church committees, members, addresses, responsibilities. The bulk of the documents are finance committee agendas and minutes. Also included are real estate and family papers. Objects include various real estate organization recognition plaques. A 2010 addition to the collection includes issues of the Smoke Signals neighborhood newspaper from 1969 and still publishing.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entries:	Espy, Robert W. Espy, Bonnie Sue Bartlett
Subject/Added Entries:	DeKalb Association of Realtors DeKalb Board of Realtors Georgia Association of Realtors National Association of Realtors Pythagoras Lodge #41 Free & Accepted Masons DeKalb History Center Decatur First United Methodist Church Robert W. Espy IV Decatur Lions Club Wheat Williams Realty DeKalb Grand Jurors Assn.

Folder List

Box ONE

Folder	Contents	Date(s)
	First Baptist Church Decatur Misc Documents	
1	Resolution creating First Baptist of Decatur Fdn. Church Committees (1985, 1986, 1990) Income and Expenses	1984-1990 1986
2	Church Committees Agenda, Finance Cmte.	1993 July 1995

	Agenda, Finance Cmte.	Oct. 1995
	Agenda Finance Cmte.	Nov. 1995
	Report on Financial Audit	1994-1995
3	Finance Cmte. Meeting (Jan-Jul)	1996
4	Finance Cmte. Meeting (Aug,Sep,Oct,Dec) Income and Expenses	1996 Aug. 1996
Box TWO		
1	Church Committees	1997
	Finance Cmte. Meeting (Jan-Mar, May-July)	1997
2	Finance Cmte. Meeting (Aug, Sep)	1997
	Finance Cmte. Meeting (Nov-Dec)	1997
	Christian Love and Caring Articles	
3	Deacon Nominees	1998
	Church Committees	1998
	Congregational Meeting (Jan, July)	1998
	Deacon Ordination ceremony	
	Income and Expenses (July, Oct-Dec)	1998
	Song sheets	
	Deacons Council	Dec. 1998
	Congregational Business Meeting	Dec. 1998
	1998 Finances in Review	
4	Income and Expenses (Jan, Apr, May, Sep-Nov)	1999
	Church Committees	1999
	Nominating Cmte. Report	1999
	Proposed Budget	1999
	Deacons Council Meeting (Feb-Jul, Oct-Dec)	1999
	Congregational Meeting (Jul, Oct)	1999
	Denominations Relations Cmte.	Oct. 1999
	Bio Sketch Donn Wisdom	
	Bio data William Edward Hull	
5	Church Committees	2000
	Nominating Cmte. Report	2000
	Orientation of New Deacons (Feb-Dec)	2000
	Deacons Council Meeting	2000
	Income and Expenses (Mar-Jun, Aug,Oct,Dec)	2000
	Congregational Business Meeting (Apr,Aug-Oct, Dec)	2000
6	Special Called Business Meeting	Jan. 2001
	Deacons Council Meeting (Jan-Apr,Jun-Sep,Dec)	2001

	Congregational Business Meeting (Jan-Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov)	2001
	Budget Comparison	Jan 2001
	Income and Expenses (Feb-Aug, Nov)	2001
	Annual Report to Congregation	
	Misc. Letters	
	Associate Pastor Position Description	
	Budget Submissions for 2002	
7	Church Committees	2002
	Box THREE	
	Decatur Lions Safety Program Scrapbook	1965-1966
	Box FOUR	
	Wooden Plaque James McCorkle Grand Jurors Assn. Pres.	1978-79
	Inst. Of Real Estate Mgmt. Plaque James McCorkle	1990
	DeKalb Board of Realtors Plaque Jim. McCorkle	1977
	Inst. Of Real Estate Mgmt. Code of Ethics, framed	
	Inst. Of Real Estate Mgmt. Certified Property Mgt. Plaque	
	McCauley Realtor of Year framed newspaper article and photo, framed	1977
	Box FIVE	
	Decatur Lions Safety Program Scrapbook	1956-1957
	Decatur Lions Safety Program Scrapbook	1950-1951
	Box SIX	
	Real Estate One folder	
	Annis W. McCorkle real estate and financial papers	
	140 Vidal Blvd. Decatur	
	155 Vidal Blvd., Decatur	
	Real Estate Two folder	
	Wheat Williams Realty papers, 1976-77 primarily and some older	
	Letters pertaining to Decatur real estate	
	Georgia Assoc. of Realtors, bulletins and letters	1977
	James McCorkle real estate papers	
	Advertising and promotional materials for Wheat Williams Realty	
	Key to Successful Financing paperback book	late 70s
	Scott Candler Filter Plant/Decatur Lions folder	
	Lions Clubs work to get DeKalb water plant name changed to Scott Candler Filter plant; speeches and letters.	
	Harris Young folder	
	Newspaper clippings on Agnes Scott students	1937

Clippings on Lions Club officers	1960s
Lions Club/Blind folder	
Publication about books for the blind	1962
Two Flyers from Amer. Council on the Blind	1962
Georgia Factory for the Blind invoice	
Minutes 1985-1992 folder	
Decatur Lions Club minutes	
Minutes 1980-1985 folder	
Decatur Lions Club minutes	
First Baptist Church of Decatur folder	
Bound Congregation Directory	2002
Playbook for Christmas pageant	1971
Letters to James McCorkle pertaining to church service	
Worship guide from Decatur Presbyterian	1992
Christmas carols booklet	1996
Box SEVEN	
Comprehensive mortgage payment table book	
Ga. Automobile License plate	1966
Manual for Ga. Real Estate Brokers and Salesman	1950
Home Buyer Directory for Greater Atlanta	1977-1978
Wooden index card file of tenant records for local buildings	
Misc. Programs for First Decatur Baptist Church folder	
Preschool policies and bylaws	
Proposed 1997 budget	
Christian Life Community Guidelines booklet	
Box EIGHT	
Decatur Lions I folder	
Joint ladies night Valentines social brochures	1981
Brochure for Decatur Civil Chorus	Dec. 1982
Ga. Lions Newsletters	1965, 1966
Membership rosters 1975-1980, 1984	
Lions Club Annual Report	1980-1981
Treasurer's Report 1978, 1981	
Proposed budget	1981-1982
Minutes 1965, 1981, 1986, 1987	
Installation of Officers event	1987-1988
Brochure for 55 th Anniversary dinner	1987
Activities	1991-1992
Ga. State Lions Convention registration form	1964

Membership manual	1983-1984
Decatur Lions II folder	
Minutes 1985	
January calendar	1986
Flyer for Senior Citizen of the Year award (Eleanor Richardson)	1982
Membership manuals 1980, 1981, 1984	
Senior Citizen of the Year (Stephen Smith)	1991
Clippings about 1991 Senior citizen of the year award	
Chaplain's Report	1991
Treasurer's Reports 1981,1982	
Atlanta Community Food Bank Fact Sheet	
Newspaper clippings for Judson C. Ward Senior Citizen of the Year	
1981, 1982 Calendar	
AJC article on Lions club food bank Christmas	1981
Food Bank brochure	
Decatur Civic Chorus news clipping	1982
Newsletter from Ga. Lions Eye Bank	1982
Brochure on 50 th anniversary of Lions club	
Lions Club Inter-Club meeting	1983
Ga. Lions Hearing Aid Bank brochure	
Ga. Lions Lighthouse Foundation brochure and 79-80 expenditures	
Board of Director's Meeting minutes 1979, 1981, 1982	
Decatur Lions III folder	
Lighthouse Foundation directory and report	2002-2003
Constitution and by-laws	1964
44 th Annual convention Programs 1965, 1966	
Songs for Lions brochure and misc. lyric sheets	
Mountaineer Festival	1965
How to Retain members brochure	1966
President's News	1965
Lions Care Report	1965
Director's Meeting agenda	1966
Random letters	
Presidential report 1965, 1966	
Decatur Lions IV folder	
Report of the program committee 1965-1966	
Membership list 1965, 1966	
Membership growth program brochure	1965
Ga. Victory Banquet brochure	1966
Calendar of events	1965
List of records of awards for 1963-1964	
Rotary Reflections brochure 1964-65, 1965-66	
Heart Disease Brochure	1965
Speeches and programs-League of Women voters	1966-67

Attendance and Membership report	1965
DeKalb Commerce Newsletter	1964
40 th Anniversary brochure	1964
Treasurer's Report	1966
List of officers	1966-67

Box NINE

Folder with Lions Club mementos of Jewel Childress, including pins, certificates, and programs	
Williams Family Genealogy typewritten book	
Stock certificates in Acme Carpet and Drapery Cleaners, Decatur, GA	
Stock certificates in Brooke Tindall and Company, Atlanta	
Petition for membership in the Order of the Amaranth, blank	
Invoice for 1965 Mercury and various receipts	
First Baptist Church worship program	2000
Today with Women Newsletter	1963
DeKalb New Era Business and Industrial Progress Edition newspaper	1965
Junior Scholastic magazine	1965
Speaker's Bureau Atlantic Steel Company	
Federal Speaker's Service booklet	
Southern Bell Program Booklet	
Official Ga. State Highway map	1956
Official State Parks map	
Atlanta Gas Light company notepad	

Box TEN

Various maps, Atlanta metro and DeKalb County, MARTA	
Stone Mountain folder	
Stone Mountain Association papers	
Government folder	
Affirmation Vietnam papers	
United Nations Day 1965	
Decatur Taxpayers League meeting minutes, 1982	
DeKalb Grand Jurors Assn. papers	
Personal, McCorkle folder	
Personal papers and letters	
Misc. Programs folder	
Newspaper articles	
Rotary booklet on Moonshine	1963
Souvenir program from Allatoona Playground regatta	1953
Kiwanis program	1951
General Lions Club folder	
Meeting minutes, newsletters, pamphlets, newspaper articles	
Lions Eye bank brochure and information	
By laws booklets	

Box ELEVEN

Wheat Williams Realty company contracts of sale 1950s-1970s

Box TWELVE

Books

Folio with Brookhaven-North Atlanta Urban Development Assn. 1961
(see Brookhaven Planning Council collection Accession#1996-50 for additional materials)

MacIntyre's Georgia Forms 1928

Wheat Williams Realty sales log 1963-65

Three small notebooks with realty notes, names, addresses,

Hand drawn house plans, business and residence notes (square

Footage, utilities, lot sizes)

ACC 2010.27 consists of issues of Smoke Signals community newspaper. Issues begin in 1969 and continue to be published. Stored in archives storage, basement.

ACC 2010.28 consists of organizational records for the DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department that were stored in the Pythagoras lodge basement. Organizational records for the department, ephemera, photographs and archaeological samples. 6 boxes documents, 2 boxes samples, CPR dummies and sports equipment and uniforms (t-shirts).